

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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Production/Consumption of Steel
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any specific standard and norms for the production of Steel rods and Steel bars for domestic consumption;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total quantity and value of Steel rods/bars utilised for the domestic and industrial consumption during each of the last three years, state/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the fast occurring changes in the techno-commercial fronts in the Steel sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to regulate the price of Steel for domestic and industrial consumption in the country?

Answer

STEEL AND MINES

(a) Yes, Madam. Government has issued the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Orders thereby notifying 30 steel products inter-alia covering steel bars and rods under the mandatory Quality Certification Marks Scheme of BIS. As per these orders, any manufacture, storage for sale, sale or distribution of steel and steel products listed in the quality control order, which do not conform to the specified standards and do not bear mark of the BIS, is prohibited.

(b) List of Steel bars and rods covered under the steel quality control orders is annexed.

(c) Data on total quantity and value of steel bars and rods for domestic and industrial consumption, state/UT wise is not maintained. However, year-wise aggregate production and consumption data is given below:

Year Total finished non-alloy or carbon steel bars and rods (mt)

Production for sale Consumption

2011-12 28.10 28.05

2012-13 28.79 29.44

2013-14 29.55 29.42

2014-15 32.25 31.08

2015-16* 32.99 32.83

Source: JPC; *prov

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(d) Various qualitative changes in the form of modern technology, better resource optimization, beneficiation of raw materials etc. are being adopted by the steel companies in their modernization and expansion programmes as well as in new steel plants. The type of technology, size of plant and the process of steel making is decided by the individual company on the techno-commercial considerations. Adoption of state-of-the-art technologies in both the new and old capacities, improvement in operative efficiency levels, improved quality of the products and customization have helped in improvement of techno-commercials of the Indian steel sector.

(e) Steel is a de-regulated sector and steel prices are accordingly market driven. Prices are dependent on demand-supply dynamics of the product, including inter-alia, domestic demand of the product, supply from domestic sources and imports, level of inventory in the market and with customers, transport cost, taxes and duties etc. However, Government has imposed Minimum Import Price (MIP) on 173 steel products to provide the level playing field to the domestic steel producers.

Annexure

IS 1786-2008 High strength deformed steel bars and wires for concrete reinforcement (8 mm and above)
IS 2062-2011 Hot rolled medium and high tensile structural steel (excluding bars and rods of diameter or thickness less than 6 mm and structurals below 50 mm x 50 mm x 6 mm)
IS 7283-1992 Hot Rolled bars for production of bright bars and machined parts for engineering applications
IS 7904-1995 High Carbon Steel Wire Rods - Specification
IS 2255-1977 Specification for mild steel wire rod for the manufacture of machine screws (by cold heading process)
IS 7887-1992 Mild steel wire rods for general engineering purposes
IS 1875-1992: Carbon steel billets, blooms, slabs and bars for forgings
IS : 11169 (Part 1) -1984 Specification for steels for cold heading/cold extrusion applications
IS 2879-1998 Mild steel for metal arc welding electrodes
